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TAGS: PFOR, PLO, UN, US

SUBJECT: STATUS OF PLO OFFICES IN NEW YORK

REFS: A)ROWE-PECK DATAFAX 11/26/76; B)STATE 274206

1. WE UNDERSTAND FROM REF A THAT TERZI PROPOSES TO SEPARATE RAHMAN'S FUNCTIONS (HE IS NOW SERVING AS DEPUTY PERMANENT OBSERVER AND AS DIRECTOR OF THE PLO INFORMATION OFFICE) IN THE FOLLOWING MANNER: WHEN RAHMAN IS PHYSICALLY PRESENT IN THE UN BUILDINGS HE WOULD BE CONSIDERED AS WORKING FOR THE OBSERVER MISSION; WHEN RAHMAN IS OUTSIDE OF THE UN PREMISES HE WOULD BE CONSIDERED AS FUNCTIONING AS A FOREIGN AGENT UNDER THE FOREIGN AGENTS REGISTRATION ACT AND HIS ACTIVITIES WOULD BE PROPERLY REPORTED. WE CONSIDER THIS TO BE A DISINGENUOUS CONTINUATION OF CONFIDENTIAL

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PRESENT PRACTICE WHICH WOULD NOT BE AN ADEQUATE RESPONSE TO OUR REQUEST THAT TERZI END RAHMAN'S DUAL STATUS.

2. YOU SHOULD DISCUSS MATTER AGAIN WITH TERZI MAKING THE FOLLOWING POINTS:

--TERZI'S PROPOSAL AMOUNTS TO A CONTINUATION OF PRESENT PRACTICE. AS LONG AS RAHMAN IS LISTED IN THE UN BLUE BOOK AS DEPUTY PERMANENT OBSERVER, WHILE AT THE SAME TIME HE SIGNS DOCUMENTS AS DIRECTOR OF THE INFORMATION OFFICE, HE OBVIOUSLY WILL MAINTAIN A DUAL STATUS.

--WE CONTINUE TO BELIEVE THAT THIS SITUATION IS INHERENTLY CONFUSING AND THAT IT IS INAPPROPRIATE FOR RAHMAN TO WORK FOR BOTH OFFICES.

--WE REQUEST THAT TERZI ONCE AGAIN REVIEW THIS ISSUE AS A PRIORITY MATTER WITH A VIEW TO RESOLVING IT DEFINITELY BY ASSIGNING RAHMAN ON A FULL TIME BASIS TO EITHER ONE OR THE OTHER OF THE TWO OFFICES.

3. WE CANNOT JUDGE FROM THE INFORMATION AVAILABLE WHETHER THE PRESENT PHYSICAL LAYOUT OF THE OBSERVER AND INFORMATION OFFICES MEETS THE REQUIREMENTS WE SET DOWN IN REFTEL B. THE BEST WAY TO CLARIFY THE SITUATION IS FOR A MISSION OFFICER TO INSPECT THE PLO OFFICES IN PERSON. SUGGEST THAT MISSION SECURITY OFFICER SEEK AN APPOINTMENT TO VISIT PLO OFFICES TO REVIEW THE SECURITY SITUATION IN LIGHT OF OUR REQUEST THAT TWO CLEARLY SEPARATE, BUT CONTIGUOUS OFFICES BE ESTABLISHED. SECURITY OFFICER SHOULD REVIEW WITH TERZI REQUIREMENTS FOR SEPARATION OUTLINED IN REFTEL B. DEPARTMENT WILL THEN TAKE ANOTHER LOOK AT QUESTION OF PHYSICAL SEPARATION OF

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TWO OFFICES BASED ON SECURITY OFFICER'S INSPECTION OF PRESENT PREMISES AND DISCUSSION WITH TERZI.

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